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Our Case No. 1391/1561

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Robert J. Yotka et al.	)	
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Serial No.: To be assigned	)	
(cont. of 09/731,036)	)	Group Art Unit No.: 1761
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Filing Date: November 13, 2003	)	
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For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING	)	
RELEASE OF N-SUBSTITUTED	)	
DERIVATIVES OF ASPARTAME IN	)	
CHEWING GUM AND GUM	)	
PRODUCED THEREBY	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Before examining this application, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.